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 For: : DEVICES FOR ALIGNING SHEETS AND A METHOD)
 FOR ALIGNING SHEETS TRANSVERSAL TO THE)
 DIRECTION OF TRAVEL OF THE SHEETS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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US 2 167 823 is in the English language. No discussion of this document is required.

DE 27 17554 is the equivalent of US 4184673. A copy of that English language document is enclosed.

DE 653 308 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It is cited as an "A" reference; i.e. one defining the general state of the art. It appears to show a sheet finding device having an inclined sheet path of travel.

DE 100 55 584 is the equivalent of US 6446959. A copy of that English language document is enclosed.

DE 11 10 656 is discussed in the Substitute Specification. The Examiner is requested to review that discussion.

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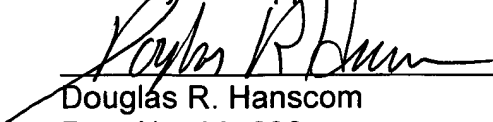
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